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Economic Requirements for OCI Periodic Requirements List for the Months, 1 January - 30 April 1957

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Transportation Branch's requirements for the OCI Periodic Requirements List for January - April 1957 are as follows:

1. Page 9, Retain 1. g.
2. Page 17, Add after 0. 2.:

P. Transportation:

- (1) Are there any indications of disruption of civilian railroad traffic for military purposes.
- (2) Is there any evidence of a buildup of locomotive and rolling stock reserves or fuel stocks for military use.
- (3) Have any transportation directives which might have military significance been issued.

3. Page 22, Retain 5. g.
4. Page 23, item 5, Transportation

Delete item f; retain all other items and add:

- j. The USSR has announced an extensive 15-year plan for railroad electrification and dieselization which is expected to result in almost complete abandonment of steam traction by 1970. Any information on diesel-electric or electric operations and abandoning of steam facilities such as steam locomotives, water towers, maintenance depots, would be of current value.
- k. Is there any evidence of a railroad tank car shortage in the USSR? Information is desired on orders for tank cars placed with other countries on behalf of the USSR and China.
- l. Information is desired on the progress of oil pipeline construction in the USSR, particularly in Siberia east of Omsk.

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5. Page 28, retain 1. e. and add:

g. Are there any indications that transport services are unable to meet traffic demands?

6. Page 44, retain 6. f.

7. Page 62, retain 6. d.

8. Page 70, add under 3.:

e. Recently 12 members of the crew of the Hungarian freighter ~~XXXXXXXX~~ jumped ship in Beirut. Is there any other evidence of unrest in the Hungarian merchant fleet which could lead to similar defection.

9. Page 74, add under b.:

d. Report any indications of Soviet control of Polish merchant shipping activity, particularly vessels engaged in trade with Communist China. Report any evidence of changes in Polish-Chinese merchant shipping arrangements such as refusal of Poles to use their ships for China run.

10. Page 75, add 6:

f. Report any evidence of unrest in Polish merchant marine that may lead to defection.

11. Page 77, retain 10. a., (1) through (6).

12. Page 78 under 10 add:

d. Is there any information on the current production rate of freight cars and locomotives in Poland.

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